



Nevada GEAR UP Program – Year Three

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Clark County Abstract - Overall

The Clark County School District (CCSD) overall plan for the GEAR UP funding includes academic enrichment strategies, professional development components, parent involvement, tutoring/mentoring, programs, data collection/evaluation, and program oversight by the principals at each school site. CCSD has selected seven high schools to receive GEAR UP Program funding: Clark, Desert Pines, Mojave, Palo Verde, Rancho, Valley, and Western High Schools. Students in the targeted seven schools will benefit from a variety of academic enrichment strategies designed to improve academic proficiency for all 9th grade GEAR UP scholars. These strategies include: implementing additional college prep and remediation classes with smaller teacher/student ratios and utilizing best practice curriculums, tutoring, mentoring, and professional development. Schools vary as to when programs are offered, but they are typically during or after school, and held in the summer. Schools identified a need for remediation programs for students in danger of not advancing to the next grade level and so school programs are supplemented in that area. Field trips to university campuses planned throughout the year will expose GEAR UP scholars to college life. Schools have identified school-based team members to be directly involved with planning, coordinating, and facilitating GEAR UP activities at their schools. Each school developed measurable objectives and activities to support state-defined goals in this third year of the program.

Also of importance is the tracking of students not attending GEAR UP schools. Students who are attending magnet schools or other non-GEAR UP high schools will continue to receive GEAR UP services to help ensure that they stay on a college track and maintain their eligibility for the scholarship. GEAR UP Clubs will be established at three additional high schools (Cheyenne, Eldorado, and Cimarron-Memorial) where it is known that at least 20 GEAR UP students are attending at each site. Students at these additional sites will be carefully tracked, receive academic enrichment, and participate in college awareness activities and field trips. Parents of students at club sites and magnet schools will also have opportunities to participate in special parent events.